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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Macomb County Legal News: Working to improve access to Michigan courts

"Michigan courts are moving forward with implementing a new court rule, aimed at ensuring 'consistent, meaningful access' to Michigan courts for those with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), according to Justice Bridget M. McCormack, who appears in a new Court Stories video, 'The Language of Justice.' "

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

"Language of Justice" video highlights "consistent, meaningful access" to Michigan courts for non-English speakers

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Court upholds ruling reversing sex offender's parole

"A convicted Macomb County sex offender, who was not given sex offender therapy while incarcerated but was required to receive therapy after being released, will remain in prison, after the Michigan Court of Appeals on Tuesday upheld a lower court ruling reversing his parole."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Letter for ex-justice comes in snail mail (fifth article)

"When former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway started serving her one-year sentence for bank fraud Aug. 13 in a federal prison in West Virginia, the court system apparently didn't pay heed. Later in the month, the U.S. District Court in Detroit mailed her a notice that her law license had been officially revoked."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Wayne County jail project costs balloon to \$154.5 million, task force told

"Costs for work at the site of the Wayne County Jail project hit \$154.5 million last month, officials close to the project told a special task force charged with figuring out how the project became so over budget.... Little else was available for the task force at its first meeting Wednesday, with officials citing a court order withholding all documents related to the project for a criminal investigation."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Shuttering unfinished Wayne Co. jail to cost taxpayers \$154.5M

[Full story](#)

Bay City Times: Jury finds AAA of Michigan owes Bay City woman, 85, six-figure sum for injuries suffered in 2010 crash

"A Bay County jury has determined AAA owes an 85-year-old Bay City woman a six-figure sum for injuries she suffered in a 2010 crash. The eight-person jury on Sept. 19 delivered its verdict that the Auto Club Group owed Arlene Wentworth \$228,830, plus \$30,375 in interest. The trial before Bay County Circuit Judge Harry P. Gill began two days before, and the jury deliberated for 10 to 15 minutes before reaching its verdict, said attorney Kevin J. Rieman, who represented Wentworth."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Tri-county Family Law Association to meet October 17th

"... The goal of the [Tri-County Family Law Association] is not to alter or induce change among the existing Tri-County family law courts and Friend of the Court offices; rather, the main goal is to work together to educate and share information and skills to enhance the practice of family law in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties through an informal forum of family court judges, mediators, Friend of the Court referees and personnel, and family law practitioners."

[Full story](#)

Jackson County Legal News: Is DNA evidence infallible?

"Donald Shelton, Chief Judge of the Washtenaw County Trial Court, teaches Forensic Science in the criminology department at Eastern Michigan University during the spring as well as Forensic Science Evidence at Cooley Law School in the summer semester. He is also the author of 'Forensic Science in Court.' The Washtenaw County Legal News talked to Shelton about DNA forensic technology."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Washtenaw County Legal News.

Legal Newslines: Mich. appeals court rules against cheese producer

"The Michigan Court of Appeals this week ruled that an insurer did not breach its contract with a cheese producer when it failed to pay the company for losses associated with a recall. The plaintiff, Torres Hillsdale Country Cheese LLC, appealed a trial court's order denying its motion for partial summary disposition and granting summary disposition in favor of defendant Auto-Owners Insurance Company."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Are there too many expulsions and suspensions?

Muskegon school leaders will explore the issue

"... A Muskegon County 'juvenile justice task force' recently attended a two-day summit in Ann Arbor focused on keeping students in school.... The trouble is that suspended and expelled students are more likely to drop out of school and end up in the criminal justice system, said Midland Probate Judge Dorene S. Allen, who chaired the recent statewide summit that involved representatives from 73 counties."

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: Governor Seeks Applicants For Wayne County Circuit Court Judgeship

"Governor Snyder is seeking applications from qualified members of the bar for a judgeship in the 3rd Circuit Court in Wayne County. The appointment will fill the seat held by the Hon. Jeanne Stempin. The application deadline is October 24, 2013."

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: Federal Shutdown, Furloughs, And The Courts

"A story in the Free Press on Monday and an op-ed today in the New York Times agree that the impact of a continuing shutdown would be felt next week at the federal district court level (10 days from the beginning of the shutdown), and later at the appellate level."

[Full story](#)

WHMI 93.5 FM/Howell: State Supreme Court Again Rejects Howell Twp. Man's Appeal

"A Howell Township man has been turned down by the state's highest court for a fourth time to overturn his conviction for trying to hire a hit man to kill his wife. 65-year-old John Aldon Corrión has repeatedly asked the Michigan Supreme Court to reconsider a lower court ruling that dismissed an appeal of his conviction."

[Full story](#)

WILX-TV(10)/Lansing: 10 Arrest Warrants Issued For Avoiding Jury Duty in Jackson

"Jackson County is having a hard time filling jurors seats. It is a growing problem with more and more people avoiding the responsibility, and the problem has affected the courts ability to function.... When 1,700 people failed to respond during the last mailing, the county decided to take action. It randomly selecting about 100 people asked them to explain themselves [during a hearing.]"

[Full story](#)